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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Essama Omgba

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☒ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 2/12/04, 5/21/04 &
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Specification

1. The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

The following title is suggested: --METHOD FOR PRODUCING A JACKETED PENETRATOR-- since Applicant has substituted "sheath" with "jacket" in the specification.

2. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: it is suggested that Applicant inserts the word --jacket-- everywhere the word jacket was deleted in the specification (including the abstract), and inserts the word --jacketed-- everywhere the word "sheathed" was deleted; on page 3, line 1, --heated-- should be inserted before "steel" and "sheath" should read --jacket--; in line 9, "heath" should read --jacket--; in line 17, --to-- should be inserted after "according".

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Objections

3. Claims 1-10 are objected to because of the following informalities: the word --jacket-- should be inserted everywhere the word "sheath" was deleted and the word --jacketed-- should be inserted everywhere the word "sheathed" was deleted.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Donaldson (US Patent 4,823,703).

With regards to claims 1-3 and 7, Donaldson discloses a method for producing a penetrator having a steel jacket 5 and a heavy-metal core 1 wherein the steel jacket and the heavy-metal core are bonded together by shrink fitting or adhesive, see column 3, lines 21-25. Although Donaldson does not disclose the heating temperature of the steel jacket in order to accomplish the press fitting, however it is within the general knowledge of one of ordinary skill in the art to determine the appropriate heating temperatures necessary to realize an effective bond of the members. Applicant should also note that the heating temperatures would depend on the particular materials being used. Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have heated the steel jacket of Donaldson to the appropriate temperature in order to realize an effective shrink fitting as is within the general knowledge of one of ordinary skill in the art. Applicant should note that the recited method steps are conventional in the art.

With regards to claims 4-6 and 8-10, Applicant should note the process of producing the materials and the shape of the materials lend no patentable weight to the method being claimed.

Conclusion

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

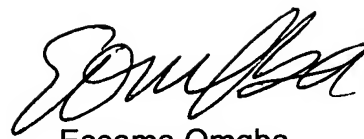
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Essama Omgba whose telephone number is (571) 272-4532. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (10-7:30) First Friday off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Peter Vo can be reached on (571) 272-4690. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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